



**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hiroshi KISHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2674

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Examiner: A. ABDULSELAM

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For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INPUT SCREENS

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the April 20, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 8-14, 17 and 20 are allowed.

**I. Translation of Paragraph [0021] of JP Pub. No. 11-198745 to Wataru et al.**

The following is a more accurate translation of paragraph [0021] of Wataru for the Examiner's convenience.

Furthermore, this invention also can be applied to a vehicle with a left steering wheel. In this case, for example, as shown in Fig. 6, travel restriction release switches 12, 13 can be arranged on a steering wheel 11. Furthermore, if one travel restriction release switch is arranged on the steering wheel 1, it should be arranged on the right side of the steering wheel 11. Additionally, the above-mentioned embodiment shows that travel restriction is released only when the travel restriction release switch is being pressed. However, when an input operation is performed by releasing travel restriction, there may be a case that a travel restriction release switch cannot be pressed because of right/left turns, etc. In this case, an input operation is interrupted. In order to handle this problem, even after the travel restriction release switches are turned off, travel restriction release can continue for a predetermined period.